

CLAIMS

1. A driving method of a display apparatus,  
comprising:

5 a first drawing step of displaying an image  
by controlling a display medium on the basis of a  
signal from first image creation means, and

a second drawing step of overwriting a  
handwritten image on the displayed image by  
10 controlling the display medium on the basis of a  
signal from second image creation means,

wherein in said first drawing step, an image  
is rewritten by a reset drive for resetting a display  
state and a writing drive for writing an image, and in  
15 said second drawing step, the writing drive is  
performed without effecting the reset drive.

2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein in  
said second drawing step, the handwritten image is  
20 displayed at a substantially minimum luminance or a  
substantially maximum luminance.

3. A method according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein  
said method further comprises a third drawing step of  
25 erasing the handwritten image by leaving only the  
image written in said first drawing step, wherein the  
writing drive is performed without effecting the reset

drive.

4. A method according to any one of Claims 1 -  
3, wherein said second drawing step is performed only  
5 in an area in which the handwritten image is written.

5. A method according to any one of Claims 1 -  
4, wherein the display apparatus comprises electrodes  
to which voltages are applied from the first image  
10 creation means and the second image creation means,  
respectively, and the display medium for displaying an  
image on the basis of the voltages.

6. A method according to any one of Claims 1 -  
15 5, wherein the display apparatus comprises a pair of  
substrates disposed with a predetermined spacing, an  
insulating liquid disposed at the spacing between the  
substrate, and electrophoretic particles as the  
display medium.

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7. A driving method of a display apparatus which  
permits handwriting input and has a memory  
characteristic, said driving method comprising:

a first drawing step of displaying an image  
25 which has been memorized in advance, and

a second drawing step of displaying a  
handwritten image by overwriting the displayed image

with the handwritten image,

wherein in said first display step, an image  
is rewritten by a reset drive for resetting a display  
state and a writing drive for writing an image, and in  
5 said second display step, the writing drive is  
performed without effecting the reset drive.

8. A display apparatus, which permits  
handwriting input and has a memory characteristic,  
10 comprising:

detection means for detecting handwriting  
input, and

drive means for effecting a first drive in  
which an image is rewritten by applying a writing  
15 voltage after resetting a previous display image when  
the handwriting input is not detected, and a second  
drive in which a previous display image is overwritten  
with a handwriting image by applying only a writing  
voltage without effecting resetting when the  
20 handwriting input is detected.